

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 626

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Billy Lee Jones on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jones is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for the past seventeen years with the Murfreesboro Police Department as the Commissioner of Police; and

WHEREAS, culminating a 47-year career in law enforcement, Mr. Jones "hung up his holster" at the end of August 2003; and

WHEREAS, having matriculated at the University of Virginia and the FBI National Academy, Mr. Jones came to Murfreesboro in 1957, right out of the Navy, with the Tennessee Highway Patrol; starting as a Trooper, Commissioner Jones worked his way through the ranks of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, serving as a Trooper for seven years, Sergeant of Franklin and Murfreesboro for thirteen years, Lieutenant for five years, Captain in charge of training for the entire State for four years, Colonel for six years, the last two of which he was also Deputy Commissioner of Safety for the THP, and then two years as the Commissioner of Safety; and

WHEREAS, he became Murfreesboro's Police Commissioner in January 1987 and has not used a single sick day in seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jones is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous organizations. Professionally, Mr. Jones is a 10-year board member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police; a 47-year member of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association, of which he has served on the Board for 25

years; and as a member of the Murfreesboro Bank Advisory Board; the E-911 Board, of which he has served as Vice Chairman since its inception; and the TACOP 2000 Most Progressive Police Department in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as he retires, he looks forward to spending more time with his family, working in his yard, having a garden, spending time on Sulphur Springs Road, and boating with his son on Center Hill Lake; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is greatly appreciative of the love and support he receives from his devoted wife, Elizabeth, and together they have a son, Ed Jones, a daughter, Patricia Bloomfield, and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Bill Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we thank Mr. Billy Lee Jones for his many years of protection and service to the citizens of this State, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.